



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

March 27, 2015

As was advised last week, in addition to regular monthly E-Updates or important legislative alerts, the TADC will send a progress report each Friday as to where monitored bills are in the process based on their movement during the week. This is meant to keep everyone informed but at the same time, not overloading your mailbox.

Be advised, the caption of the bill may not adequately describe in enough detail what the bill actually does! Each bill listed is linked so that you may see the proposed legislation in full.

Please do not hesitate to contact the TADC should you have any concerns about any bills filed this session.

TADC tracked legislation movement - March 23-27, 2015:

[HB 25](#) [Sheets, Kenneth\(R\)](#) Relating to the elimination of straight-party voting for judicial offices.

Last Action: 3-24-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 220](#) [Stephenson, Phil\(R\)](#) Relating to restrictions on the name of a general-purpose political committee.

Last Action: 3-23-15 Committee action pending House Elections

[HB 409](#) [Turner, Chris\(D\)](#) Relating to liability insurance for persons holding certain alcoholic beverage permits.

Last Action: 3-23-15 Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures

[HB 492](#) [Hernandez, Ana\(D\)](#) Relating to the period during which an employee may file a claim for unpaid wages with the Texas Workforce Commission.

Last Action: 3-30-15 Meeting set for 2:30 p.m. or adj., E2.012, House Business and Industry

[HB 562](#) [Leach, Jeff\(R\)](#) Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in this state.

Last Action: 3-24-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 670](#) [Flynn, Dan\(R\)](#) Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in this state.

Last Action: 3-24-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 687](#) [Sheets, Kenneth\(R\)](#) Relating to confidential communications between an insurance carrier and a covered employer under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act.

Last Action: 3-24-15 Committee action pending House Business and Industry

[HB 737](#) [Aycock, Jimmie Don\(R\)](#) Relating to the creation of regional emergency communications districts.

Last Action: *3-25-15 Committee action pending House Special Purpose Districts*

[HB 801](#) [King, Ken\(R\)](#) Relating to planning for the use of and liability resulting from prescribed burns by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

Last Action: *3-25-15 Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar*

[HB 968](#) [Hernandez, Ana\(D\)](#) Relating to civil liability of shareholders and members of certain legal entities that engage in the trafficking of persons.

Last Action: *3-25-15 Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar*

[HB 1122](#) [Clardy, Travis\(R\)](#) Relating to the number of jurors required in certain civil cases pending in a statutory county court.

Last Action: *3-25-15 Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar*

[HB 1206](#) [Huberty, Dan\(R\)](#) Relating to the disclosure of certain information under a consolidated insurance program.

Last Action: *3-25-15 Committee action pending House Insurance*

[HB 1265](#) [Wu, Gene\(D\)](#) Relating to a deceptive act or practice related to an unsolicited advertisement of goods and services sent by mail.

Last Action: *3-24-15 Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry*

[HB 1427](#) [Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#) Relating to a review of state laws requiring an action or proceeding to be brought in Travis County or a Travis County court.

Last Action: *3-26-15 Committee action pending House General Investigating and Ethics*

[HB 1531](#) [Geren, Charlie\(R\)](#) Relating to the making and receiving of referrals for legal services by certain legislators and executive officers.

Last Action: *3-26-15 Committee action pending House General Investigating and Ethics*

[HB 1603](#) [Villalba, Jason\(R\)](#) Relating to the creation of the chancery court and the court of chancery appeals to hear certain cases.

Last Action: *3-24-15 Committee action pending House Business and Industry. TADC Testified Against this bill*

[HB 1644](#) [Smithee, John\(R\)](#) Relating to the oath of a person admitted to practice law in the State of Texas.

Last Action: *3-24-15 Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Lawyers Civility Oath - TADC Testified in support of this bill*

[HB 2049](#) [Darby, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to indemnification and duties of engineers and architects under certain governmental contracts.

Last Action: *3-30-15 Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026, Licensing and Administrative Procedures*

[HB 2089](#) [Darby, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.

Last Action: *3-30-15 Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026, Licensing and Administrative Procedures*

[HB 2184](#) [Miller, Rick\(R\)](#) Relating to liability of certain electric utilities that allow certain uses of land that the electric utility owns, occupies, or leases.

Last Action: *3-25-15 Committee action pending House State Affairs*

[HB 2587](#) [Oliveira, Rene\(D\)](#) Relating to a study regarding employers who do not participate in and injured employees who are not covered under the workers' compensation system.

Last Action: *3-30-15 Meeting set for 2:30 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.012, House Business and Industry*

[HB 2754](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to filing requirements for candidates for certain judicial offices.

Last Action: *3-30-15 Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E1.026, House Elections*

[SB 7](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#) Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.

Last Action: *3-26-15 Received in the House*

[SB 8](#) [Schwertner, Charles\(R\)](#) Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.

Last Action: *3-25-15 Received in the House*

[SB 267](#) [Perry, Charles \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the regulation by a municipality or county of the rental or leasing of housing accommodations.

Last Action: 3-25-15 First placement on Senate Intent Calendar

[SB 306](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#) Relating to the information included in the annual report of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Last Action: 3-24-15 Received in the House

[SB 378](#) [Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to the liability of certain social workers who provide volunteer health care services to charitable organizations.

Last Action: 3-30-15 First placement on Senate Intent Calendar

[SB 381](#) [Uresti, Carlos\(D\)](#) Relating to tort liability arising from a volunteer's operation of a Parks and Wildlife Department motor-driven vehicle or motor-driven equipment.

Last Action: 3-24-15 Received in the House

[SB 432](#) [West, Royce\(D\)](#) Relating to continuation of an additional fee for filing civil cases in certain Dallas County courts.

Last Action: 3-30-15 Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

[SB 479](#) [Schwertner, Charles\(R\)](#) Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.

Last Action: 3-23-15 Committee action pending Senate State Affairs

[SB 534](#) [Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) Relating to the oath of a person admitted to practice law in the State of Texas.

Last Action: 3-25-15 Received in the House

SB 774 Fraser, Troy(R) Relating to a study on periodic rate adjustment by electric utilities.

Last Action: 3-24-15 Voted favorably from committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development

SB 824 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the number of jurors required in certain civil cases pending in a statutory county court.

Last Action: 3-23-15 Committee action pending Senate State Affairs

SB 1139 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the operation and administration of and practice in courts in the judicial branch of state government and the composition of certain juvenile boards.

Last Action: 3-30-15 Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

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